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SUMMARY: FRG WANTS ACTION TAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE TO
REGISTER CONCERN OVER GROWTH IN UN BUDGETS AND THEREFORE
SUPPORTS MEETING OF GENEVA GROUP IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 7-

8. FRG WILLING TO CONSIDER CEILINGS AND ACTION TO

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ENFORCE THEM BUT BELIEVES MORE FEASIBLE FIRST STEP WOULD

BE JOINT DEMARCHE IN GENEVA TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
AND/OR APPROPRIATE EXPLANATIONS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OF
CONCERN ON PART OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS OVER INCREASING
BUDGETS. END SUMMARY.

1. WE ASKED SCHMITZ OF FONOFF FOR FRG POSITION ON
BUDGET CEILINGS AND SUBSEQUENT PERSUASIVE ACTION IF
NECESSARY. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD
US POSITION ON FRENCH PROPOSAL, SO WE TOOK ADVANTAGE
OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OUTLINE IT IN DETAIL ALONG LINES
OF STATE 220531.

2. SCHMITZ EXPLAINED THAT THE ESSENTIAL POINT IN THE
FRG POSITION IS THAT THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS, BE IT THE
BIG FIVE, TEN OR TWELVE, SHOULD TAKE SOME ACTION IN THE
NEAR FUTURE TO REGISTER THEIR CONCERN OVER BUDGET
INCREASES. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE FRG WELCOMED THE
FRENCH PROPOSAL. THE FRG HAD DOUBTS ABOUT SOME OF ITS
LEGAL AND PRACTICAL PROVISIONS, BUT, SINCE THE US AND
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA GROUP HAD SIMILAR RESERVA-
TIONS, THE GERMAN AND US POSITIONS ARE NOT FAR APART.

3. SCHMITZ BELIEVES THE GENEVA GROUP MUST REGISTER IN
THE NEAR FUTURE ITS CONCERN OVER BUDGETS. HE WOULD LIKE
TO SEE IT MAKE DEMARCHEES TO THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
IN GENEVA WHICH WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE DEMARCHEES THE
BIG FIVE ARE MAKING IN NEW YORK TO THE SECRETARIAT.
(SCHMITZ SAID THE FRG WOULD BE MAKING ITS DEMARCHE IN
NEW YORK IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.) THE GENEVA DEMARCHEES
SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS SO THAT THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES COULD
TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT AS THEY DRAW UP THEIR BUDGETS.
THE FRG THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO START WITH WHO AND
ILO, BUT SCHMITZ AGREED TO RECONSIDER THE ILO WHEN WE
EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD NOT FAVOR A DEMARCHE TO THAT
ORGANIZATION. FAILING AGREEMENT THAT GENEVA GROUP
UNDERTAKE DEMARCHEES, THE FRG WOULD FAVOR A SMALLER GROUP
PROCEEDING.

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4. ANOTHER POSSIBLE ACTION IS AGREEMENT THAT THE
GENEVA GROUP NATIONS REGISTER THEIR CONCERN OVER
BUDGETS BY EXPLANATIONS TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. IN ANY
CASE, THE FRG DOES NOT WANT TO SACRIFICE THE
OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. IT
BELIEVES THAT THE DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THE
FRENCH SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN THEIR EFFORTS.

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5. SCHMITZ SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD SUPPORT A MEETING IN
NEW YORK OCTOBER 7-8. AT THAT MEETING THE FRG WOULD

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CEILINGS AND SUBSEQUENT
PERSUASIVE ACTION IF NECESSARY. SCHMITZ HOPES NEW YORK
MEETING WILL RESULT IN AGREEMENT ON DEMARCHE IN GENEVA.
SCHMITZ WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND, BUT CLAIMS THAT
BUDGET OFFICER IN FRG DEL (SCHMIDT) IS
THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT MATTER.

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US FROM SCHMITZ' EXPLANATION
THAT FRG SHARES BOTH OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE FRENCH
PROPOSAL AND OUR CONCERN OVER BUDGET GROWTH. THERE MAY
BE SOME TACTICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OUR APPROACH AND
THAT OF THE FRG, BUT THE FRG POSITION APPEARS TO BE
FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ELIMINATE THESE DIFFERENCES. IT
WOULD SEEM, THEREFORE, FROM OUR LIMITED PERSPECTIVE THAT
NEW YORK MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. WE WOULD EXPECT THE
FRG TO JOIN IN A CONSENSUS TO TAKE ACTION IN GENEVA,
ESPECIALLY IF SOME VARIANT OF FRG PROPOSAL IN PARA 3 IS
AGREED ON.

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